(d) whether Government have held talks with all the State Governments before implementing this scheme;

(e) whether it is a fact that recently the University Grants Commission and the Central Board of Secondary Education has suggested that this scheme may be implemented by the Public Schools itself which is being objected by National Progressive Schools Conference; and

(f) the decision or proposal of his Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has issued a circular dated 18.10.2005, directing schools affiliated to it to provide full waiver of all fees (including tution and all other fees except for meal & transportation) charged by them, to each girl student from class VI to XII who is a "Single Child" of her parents, either with immediate effect or from the next academic session commencing from 1st April, 2006. Schools seeking new affiliation will have to implement the above scheme with immediate effect.

(c) As drop-out rates for girls at different levels of education are higher than those for boys, and discrimination of girl child in education is a well accepted fact, hence no survey was required.

(d) No, Sir. The instruction issued by the CBSE are applicable only to schools affiliated to CBSE.

(e) and (f) The scheme is to be implemented by schools affiliated to CBSE. National Progressive School Conference (NPSC), Delhi an organization of about 80 schools in and around Delhi has objected to the scheme, but the representation of NPSC has been rejected.

UGC grant for infrastructure development

1972. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) used to provide grants to recognized colleges for infrastructure development;

(b) if so, whether the grants provided for infrastructure facilities including hostels are utilized/being utilized for the same purpose;

(c) if so, whether any survey/studies are initiated for verifying the use of such infrastructure/assets;

(d) if so, the details of such survey/study done in Kerala, category-wise, an on today; and

(e) if not, whether a survey regarding utilization of such infrastructure/ assets would be initiated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the subsequent instalment of grant to the eligible colleges are released only on receipt of utilization certificate and statement of expenditure of the previous instalment of grant paid to the college for the purpose. The utilization of funds are monitored and utilization is ensured in terms of utilization certificate to be furnished by the colleges to UGC.

Women education centres in Madhya Pradesh

†1973. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)the details of the women education centres set up in Madhya Pradesh by Government for the illiterate women;

(b)the number of women benefited therefrom during the last three years, year-wise;

(c)whether these centres have succeeded in educating and creating awareness amongst women; and whether Government are satisfied with their success;

(d)whether Government are contemplating to increase the number of such centres; and

(e)if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) According to the information received from the State Government, no women cducation centres have been set up in Madhya Pradesh. However, Mahila Padhna Badhna Andolan was implemented by the State Government in 2002-03 and 2003-04 for the adult illiterate women. According to the information furnished by the State Government 17,17,168 women were benefited under this programme. Further a Visesh Mahila Padhna Badhna Andolan is also being ran through the continuing education centres in which 6,75,600 women have been enrolled.

(c) In order to improve the awareness of women, the primers used for imparting literacy contain information on health, hygiene, environment,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.